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 Mrs. Katherine Howard  
 Acting Administrator  
 Federal Civil Defense Administration  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Howard:

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security concerning the immunization of key government officials against biological warfare (BW) agents and requesting that CIA establish close liaison with your Administration and with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the purpose of keeping you fully informed of intelligence on Soviet capabilities and intentions for employing biological warfare against the United States.

It is suggested that you designate a representative, cleared for Top Secret material, to meet with a representative of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and representatives of this Agency to discuss Soviet biological warfare capabilities and intentions and the method of keeping you informed of future intelligence on this subject.

Please be assured of my continuing cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
 Director

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The Honorable Val Peterson  
Administrator, Federal Civil Defense Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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[Redacted Signature]

Robert Amory, Jr. *W*  
Deputy Director, Intelligence

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